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The chemical nomination and selection process is integral to the effective operation and success of the NTP. This formal process allows the NTP to best use its resources with respect to the testing of chemicals of greatest public health concern using current methodologies, the validation of new testing methodologies, and for the evaluation of new concepts of mechanisms of toxicity. From its inception, the NTP has had an open nomination process. Everyone is invited and encouraged to nominate chemicals and substances for study by the NTP. Member agencies of the National Toxicology Program: the Food and Drug Administration, NIEHS, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, as well as other Federal agencies are the primary sources of nominations to the NTP. However, state agencies, the public, labor and industry groups, and academia are encouraged to submit nominations for toxicological testing. All nominating sources are asked to submit a supporting summary document giving the name of the chemical and the particular toxicological tests recommended, the rationale for the nomination, available background data on production, use, exposure, environmental occurrence, and extent of toxicological characterization. It is recognized that all potential nomination sources do not have the resources to obtain all the requested information, therefore, all nominations received are considered regardless of the extent of supporting information submitted.

Each nomination goes through a selection process to prioritize chemicals for study. Nominated chemicals are first reviewed by the NIEHS Nominations Faculty to determine which chemicals have been adequately tested, are already on study or scheduled for study, or have been previously considered low priority for testing by the NTP. The nominations are then forwarded to a federal interagency committee for review. Notice of these reviews and the committee's recommendations are published in the Federal Register along with a request for additional relevant information and public comment on the nominated substances and testing recommendations. Any information received is provided to the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) along with an executive summary of information on the chemical. Following review by the BSC, each nomination is reviewed by the NTP Executive Committee. Following Executive Committee approval, the desired studies are designed and implemented as appropriate. Results of toxicological studies of selected chemicals are peer reviewed and published as NTP Technical Reports and/or in the open scientific literature. They are also available through the Environmental Health Information Service. The original nominating individual or organization is kept informed of the status of their nominations throughout the selection process and are informed of the results of each study conducted. For more detailed information on the NTP Chemical Nomination and Selection process, visit the NTP web site at: <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NomPage/noms.html>.

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